GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RIHAND DAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an alarming situation of pollution has arisen in the river due to regular discharge of chemicals by the companies into the Rihand Dam constructed in 1963 in Sonebhadra district of Uttar Pradesh thereby causing danger to the tunnel on the dam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent pollution and maintain the status-quo position of the dam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is no alarming situation in the river due to discharge of chemicals in to reservoir of Rihand Dam, which may cause damage to dam and its constituents.

(c) A high level expert committee named as Rihand Dam Structural Behavior Monitoring Committee (RDSBMC) under the Chairmanship of Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation Department, U. P. , Lucknow has been constituted by Government of U. P., which monitors safety of dam and other works related to the dam. Central Soil & Materials Research Station (CSMRS), New Delhi who is one of the Members of the Committee, is continuously collecting water samples and monitoring the pollution level of the reservoir water.